

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 017243
ORIGIN AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00
PM-05 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 PRS-01
SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 ACDA-12
MCE-00 AID-05 OMB-01 IGA-02 TRSE-00 EB-08 /109 R

DRAFTED BY AF/E:JWHITING

APPROVED BY AF/E:RPOST

-----102712 211727Z /14

O P 211707Z JAN 78 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LAGOS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

USMISSION USNATO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI PRIORITY

USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GER PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 017243

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, ET, US, SO, PEPR

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENTS

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 017243

REFS: (A) ADDIS ABABA 314 (B) STATE 16816

1. JANUARY 21 WASHINGTON POST CARRIES PAGE 12 STORY
ABOUT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF
U.S. AND FOUR EUROPEAN ALLIES WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON
SATURDAY JANUARY 21 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACTIONS TO BRING

ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO OGADEN CONFLICT. BAD
WEATHER HAS DELAYED START OF MEETING UNTIL SATURDAY
NOON. STATE 16816 CONTAINED TRANSCRIPT OF JANUARY
20 NOON BRIEFING IN WHICH NUMEROUS QUESTIONS WERE RAISED
ABOUT THAT MEETING AND STATUS OF "PIPELINE" MATERIEL
FOR ETHIOPIA (INCLUDING SPARE PARTS, TRUCKS AND SWIFT-
SHIPS).

2. POST STORY STATES QUOTE ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR AYALEW
MANDEFRO CHARGED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE YESTERDAY
THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SUPPORTING INNER QUOTE SOMALI
AGGRESSION END INNER QUOTE BY FAILING TO CONDEMN IT
AND THAT CONTINUATION OF SUCH A POLICY INNER QUOTE MIGHT
LEAD TO ETHIOPIA BREAKING RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES
END INNER QUOTE UNQUOTE. NEW YORK TIMES PAGE 3 STORY
STATES THAT HE QUOTE WARNED TODAY THAT A DECISION BY THE

UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE MILITARY AID TO SOMALIA WOULD BE
INNER QUOTE A VERY VERY BIG ERROR END INNER QUOTE AND
MANDEFRO ALSO CRITICIZED PRESIDENT CARTER FOR NOT
CONDEMNING SOMALIA ON ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE OGADEN
CONFLICT END QUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT AYALEW
STATEMENT MAY WELL BE DESIGNED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION
RATHER THAN REFLECTING SUBSTANTIVE SIGNAL OF ETHIOPIAN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 017243

INTENTIONS. HE HAS CONFIRMED PRIVATELY TO AF/E DIRECTOR
POST THAT, ALONG WITH ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADORS IN SEVERAL
WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS, HE WILL BE RETURNING TO ADDIS
SHORTLY ON CONSULTATIONS.

CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, AMBASSADORS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE017243
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JWHITING
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780033-0121
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780136/aaaabeou.tel
Line Count: 100
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 6c0a25e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 ADDIS ABABA 314, 78 STATE 16816
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3734309
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENTS CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL
TAGS: PDIP, PEPR, ET, US, SO
To: ADDIS ABABA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/6c0a25e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014